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It is probably fair to say that Dr. Spendlove began his distinguished career in Virology at a time when cell culture was almost more art than science. While pursuing fundamental studies of RNA viruses and viral diseases of infants and children at USU in the 1960's, he became frustrated with the poor quality of commercially available fetal bovine serum, which hindered his work. As a result, he developed his own methods of producing research grade serum – and the rest, as they say, is history. After a period of processing serum in a small facility on campus (and funding some of his research by selling the product to other scientists), the fledgling enterprise moved off campus in 1975, and HyClone Laboratories was born. Over the succeeding decades he garnered statewide and then national awards, and grew HyClone into the world's premier supplier for cell culture - a \$200MM, 500 employee international business in Cache Valley. Dr. Spendlove has never retired; he simply started the Spendlove Research Foundation after turning over the reins of his company, and is still going strong.